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Attn: Steve Miller

REF: Visual Site Inspection, September 23, 1993  
Universal Propulsion Company, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona (UPCO)

Dear Mr. Miller:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) plan to conduct a Visual Site Inspection (VSI) at Universal Propulsion Company, Inc. (UPCO) on September 23, 1993. We are hopeful that the information contained herein will allow you to better prepare and schedule for the VSI.

As you know, Science Applications International Corporation, Technology Services Company (SAIC/TSC) is the U.S. EPA's Region IX contractor and will be conducting the VSI at UPCO. Pursuant to the authority of Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6927, this contractor has been duly designated by the U.S. EPA to conduct a VSI as part of the RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA). The SAIC/TSC representatives will be Ms. Sue Corbaley and Ms. Mary Wesling.

The VSI is an integral part of the RFA and is done to verify and determine the location of all solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs). The term SWMU includes "any unit at the facility from which hazardous constituents might migrate, irrespective of whether the units were intended for the management of solid and/or hazardous wastes" (50FR 28702, July 15, 1985). This definition includes container storage units; tanks; surface impoundments; waste piles; land treatment units; landfills; incinerators; open burn/open detonation (OBOD) units; underground injection wells; physical, chemical and biological treatment units; recycling units; and areas contaminated by routine and systematic discharges from process areas.

This inspection will enable the U.S. EPA and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to obtain a technical understanding of current and historical waste handling practices. Photographs of each SWMU are to be taken to document waste management practices and conditions at the facility.

Prior to the VSI, the inspection team will need to know of any health and safety requirements and special equipment needs. If there are any concerns with photographs or other security issues, please inform the inspection team before the inspection begins. The VSI is expected to begin at 7:30 a.m. on September 23, 1993, starting with a briefing session, and should be completed by about 4 p.m. that same day. Anyone wishing to be present for the inspection debriefing may want to be available the afternoon of September 23, 1993. This tentative schedule is subject to change regarding the length of the inspection and the exact time and date of the inspection debriefing due to the unknowns associated with the facility and the VSI. As you are aware, the VSI for your facility has